

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/749,231 Examiner	CHOI, BYONG-SIK	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 12/30/2003.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-4 are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of records does not teach or suggest the limitations "An optical communication multiplex device for a vehicle comprising: optical communication lines connecting a transmitting terminal (Tx) to a receiving terminal (Rx); contact resistances disposed near said optical communication lines to generate heat for changing the length of said optical communication lines; a power terminal and a ground terminal respectively connected to one end and the other end of said contact resistances to thereby supply power to said contact resistances; a control terminal for outputting a control signal for changing the length of said optical communication lines via said contact resistances supplied with power from said power terminal; and a transistor connected between said control terminal and said contact resistances for carrying out a switching operation of power applied to said contact resistances from said power terminal in response to the control signal inputted from said control terminal" in claim 1. The closest prior art, Yudasaka (US publication no. 2004/0087068) discloses method for forming thin film, apparatus for forming thin film, method for manufacturing semiconductor device and electronic apparatus and Tuckerman et al. (US patent no. 5,541,524) discloses a device for burn-in technologies for unpackaged integrated circuit, either singularly or in combination, fail to anticipate or render the above underlined limitations obvious.

Conclusion

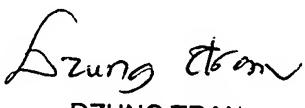
2. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.
 - a. Allen et al. U.S. patent no. 5,469,199. Wide inkjet printhead
 - b. Mori et al. U.S. publication no. 2002/0001776. Planographic printing method
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dzung Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-3025.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's Supervisor, Jason Chan, can be reached on (571) 272-3022.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

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